CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 10431b49ea142b9feb300b500907e9b47325e10d.jpeg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1900590.007

Medium: Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Invercargill District Court

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 21 February 2020

Date of direction to issue

a label:

No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: No notice of decision has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. It is a highly sexualised anime-style image of a female child and is clearly intended to titillate those with a sexual interest in children. The availability of such material encourages the creation or reinforcement of this sexual interest by presenting children as appropriate subjects for adult sexual fantasy and desire. The objectionable classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention to prohibit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes and also reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from such exploitation.